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Despite history, Israelis are in shock over spies

(JCNS)-

Israel is a nation in shock because its highly efficient intelligence services have unmasked a Syrian spy ring with six Jews at its nerve centre. Worse still, one of the Jews, 26-year-old Ehud Adiv is a former paratrooper born in the left-wing kibbutz of Gan Shmuel near Natanya of which his father was a founder member. The impact on Israeli public opinion is if one of the sons of America's revolutionary fathers had been found feeding information to the English. Jack Winocour reports.

"And they spread an evil report of the land which they had spied out unto the children of Israel, saying: 'The land through which we have passed to spy it out, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature... and we were in their sight as grasshoppers and so we were in their sight".

Numbers XIII, 33-4

Twelve spies, one from each tribe of Israel, whom Moses sent out to spy out the land of Canaan, returned this overwhelming jury majority. Only Caleb (of the tribe of Judah, naturally) was the dissentient voice who said, "Press on!" About 1,300 years later, Josephus sold out Massada to the Romans, became Flavius in recognition of his blond locks and lived until a ripe old age under imperial patronage in Rome. And in 1676, Sabbatai Zevi, a convert to Islam and for a time a pet of the Turkish Sublim Porte, breathed his last.

Jewish history, like the history of all peoples, is full of grasshoppers, great if unprincipled historians, and false Messiahs. The English have Guy Fawkes, the Americans Benedict Arnold. If Bialik was right, and the trend of the times confirms his judgement, Israel would not be Israel without its quota of whores, pimps, robbers and murderers (all of whom are to be found in brimming measure in the Bible). So why not spies?

There is, however, some cause for pause about the manner in which the contemporary tale of Ehud Adiv, Dan Vered, Yehezkiel Cohen and David Kupfer is being presented to the Israeli, Jewish and public gaze. In some countries, one might wishfully hope for the due processes of law to take their course. In Britain, surely, this unhappy quartet would have been "helping the police with their enquiries."

Salus populi suprema lex (the safety of the people is the supreme law) and so it is in Israel today. But there is an unpleasant amalgam in this particular case of an ex-Mapamnik, an ex-Black Panther (Israeli– not black hue), and an ex-burglar. So we are entitled to wonder whether some over-zealous public relations man has jumped the gun and prejudged the trial.

Spy Suspect Ehud Adiv

Taking all this in mind, let's now come to the nitty-gritty of the whole deplorable business. One of the most unhappy memories of my newspaper life was having to be in Sing Sing prison when the Rosenbergs went to the chair. (No, the lights did not dim.) Rebecca West has explored in depth the motivations of traitors: Alan Nunn May, Klaus Fuchs et al. Others have had a go at Burgess, MacLean, Philby and their like.

But why spy for Syria? I shall want some telling evidence that the six Jews did it for cash rather than out of bravado. But it is reckonable that some men and women will go over to be the enemy because they are discontented, disillusioned with their own country and society. But surely Israel is susceptible to.

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Dramatic story of progress

Koor is pacemaker in Israel economy

By ARTHUR GARMAISE
TEL AVIV-

When a union-owned industry pays its workers 25 per cent above the national average and distributes profits among them, no one lifts their eyebrows.

When the same company, founded in order to provide employment for its members, takes such a hard line towards profits that it closes down plants that don't meet its standards of efficiency and profit-making, dismissing the workers (who, indirectly, own it), the situation is different. Yet both descriptions are true of Koor Industries, Israel's largest industrial organization.

Founded in 1944 by the Histradrut, General Federation of Labour, in an effort to introduce industry to Israel, Koor has surpassed any reasonable expectations that may have been in the minds of its founders at the time. It now has five major plants operating and is aiming for 60 by the end of 1973. A labor force of 17,000, producing a bewildering variety of goods, set a new Israel sales record last year by passing about the $250 million sales mark. This year it will jump another 30 per cent into the magic circle of Fortune's list of the 300 largest companies outside of the U.S. Sales will be $300 million or more.

The big jump, of course, has come since the Six-Day War. As of 1967, Koor had accumulated losses of $5 million. Last year's after-tax profits were about the same amount. Sales are triple what they were in 1967 and are projected to almost double as much again by 1975. Investment in plant and equipment follows the same pattern. Exports are triple the $16 million figure of 1964 and the aim is to triple them again (to over $144 million) by 1975.

This impressive growth, Koor executives will admit, is in part due to the know-how, financing, marketing agreements and active partnerships that they have with important foreign firms. Doctrinaire pioneer socialists would have goggled at the list of capitalist companies that ex-kibbutznik president Meir Amit has drawn into the Koor network: General Telephone & Electronics International, in electronics; Gichner, U.S., metal containers; Glaverbel of Belgium, glass; Rudolph-Brand, laboratory instruments; Korf Steel, West Germany; Tempella, Finland, paper and metals; Afgate, South Africa, paints; Harris Miller, U.K., cutlery, and others like Dynasciences Corporation, U.S.

The shift is to sophisticated electronic, chemical and plastic production geared for export markets. On the domestic scene, Koor is in such service industries as computers, industrial design and factoring.

All this means modern management and trained executives, a sharp drift from the open-shirted brawny farm worker of the yishuv who was the stereotype of early Zionism. Koor symbolizes the change and is pacing it for the rest of Israel's industry.

Not like Israel

Lebanon censors programs taped by Berton TV show

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor
TORONTO-

Pierre Berton's attempt to give the Arab point of view on his nationally-syndicated television program has encountered censorship by the Lebanese government.

The well-known journalist told a news conference last week he went to Lebanon to present the Arab side of the Middle East crisis, but two of the five videotaped programs were witheld from export. He and his staff spent two weeks in Beirut preparing the programs which are to be shown later this month.

Berton said that the Lebanese government had given no reason why tapes of two of the programs were witheld from export but that he had learned unofficially of objections to remarks from some guests about the absence of real democracy in Lebanon.

"We were told at the outset that there was no censorship in Lebanon," he said. "The information minister himself told this to my producer, Elsa Franklin. Now we have learned differently and at considerable cost."

The journalist said the programs in Lebanon were designed to complement the ones he had done previously in Israel. "In Israel, we did programs with students and the country's leading actress as well as politicians and journalists. But there was no censorship in Israel."

Only one program was originally passed by the censor - an interview with Ghassan Tueni, an influential Beirut publisher. Interviews with Nidal Achkar, Lebanon's actress, and Kamal Nasser, a spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization, plus two programs in which students talked about politics, morals, religion and sex were barred from export.

But after some negotiation involving the external affairs department, the Nasser interview and the non-political program were released.

Berton, who emphasized

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Increased leisure time creates challenge for the synagogue

By ESTHER MEHR
TORONTO-

With the coming four-day work week and increased leisure time, synagogue and religious schools face a serious challenge in the immediate future, Rabbi Alexander Schindler of New York, said at the close of the five-day conference of the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) at Holy Blossom Temple last week.

Rabbi Schindler, who is president-elect of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, dwelt on the future role of the synagogue in the North American community.

"No one can say what tomorrow will bring. Will Israel survive? Is America still capable of radical change or will it sweep into fascism? Will the left prevail? These questions are not beyond our concern," the rabbi declared.

"The rate of change in our society has accelerated so rapidly, it has brought new illnesses due to the inability to find an inner balance."

The mobility of North Americans, according to Rabbi Schindler, has modern man emerging as a nomad who meets many people and makes few friends. The synagogue can fill this void by providing spiritual stability and replacing the extended family.

Religious schools are at present too spontaneous and unstructured. Rabbi Schindler said. "Deliberate planning is needed to bring about a larger, well conceived design."

It would be a mistake for religious leaders to ignore the counter-culture revolution now prevalent in North America. Rabbi Schindler told the assemblage.

"There is a more direct religious renewal in evidence... a true reaching for inwardness. It is not a fad," he said. "Turning away from religion is paradoxically a turning to religion."

There must be a striving for more co-operation between religious denominations and organizations, the rabbi said. "Institutional narcissism exacts too high a price. And the barrier between pulpit and pew must be broken so that the laymen can play a more decisive role. Inner man has not changed. He is the same as 1,000 years ago. There is still the need for insight and a sense of reverence required which is served by religion."

Responding to Rabbi Schindler's address, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai agreed and added his own perspective. He referred to the three "redemptions" in modern North American Society. These he said were the striving for material possessions, the craze of youth and physical fitness, and sexual fulfillment. The synagogue, Pearlson said, must be based on the redemptive system and provide the elements of permanence.

In her greetings to the educators, Mrs. Henrietta Chesnie, vice-president of Holy Blossom Temple, summed up the aims of the conference.

"Jewish education is the number one priority in the community," she said. "Our goal is to produce a generation of Jews who will produce a generation of Jews."

Dead at 65

Theologians mourn Rabbi Heschel

NEW YORK, (JTA)-

Leading Jewish and Christian theologians joined 500 other persons at funeral services here for Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of the foremost educators and philosophers of Conservative Judaism, who died last week at the age of 65. Dr. Heschel, who was professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for 27 years, was eulogized by his many disciples and colleagues who attended the funeral.

Referring to his deep concern for the victims of injustice and discrimination, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, described Dr. Heschel as "a voice who spoke for the downtrodden and who felt their pain."

Rabbi Heschel was in recent years an outspoken critic of racism and the war in Vietnam, an ardent defender of the right of Soviet Jews and intensely concerned with the problems of ecumenism and the search for peace in the Middle East.

Dr. Heschel was born in Warsaw and educated in Berlin where he received his Ph.D. from the University of Berlin in 1933. He came to the United States in 1940 and served as an instructor and later associate professor of Jewish philosophy and rabbinics at Hebrew Union College from 1940-45 and in 1945 joined the faculty of the JTS. He also served as visiting professor at the University of Minnesota and the University of Iowa.

Is it a spiritual license?

With a million new car plates now in the process of being issued in Toronto, a true million-to-one chance happened to Rabbi Dr. Harold Lerner, spiritual leader of Beth Am Synagogue, when he recently purchased his new plates.

He received BHB 534 which he interpreted as follows: B - Baruch, H - Habah, B - B'Shem, 5 - Hay, 3 - Shin (300), 4 - Mem (40); the plate thus reading: "Baruch Habah B'Shem HaShem"- "Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord," the first half of Psalm 118, v.26.

Marriage is no joke

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

Two 16-year-olds have discovered that marriage is not a joke.

During a party at Herzliya's Tadmor Hotel, a boy borrowed a ring from a waitress and placed it on a girl friend's finger, reciting the tradional formula. This was reported by the hotel's kashrut supervisor to Herzliya's Rabbi Davidovich, who declared that there was no question that according to Jewish law - the formula having been recited before witnesses - the boy and girl were man and wife.

This was upheld by a rabbinical court in Rehovot.

The couple have now to go through the procedure of divorce and the girl has been warned by the rabbinicate that she will never be able to marry a Cohen since she will be regarded as a divorcee. Her father is expected to appeal to the Chief Rabbinate to resolve the issue in such a way that she can be regarded as never having been wed.

Leaders praise humanity of Mike Pearson

Lester B. Pearson will always be remembered by Israelis for his genuine humanity and his "understanding and friendship for Israel and everything it stands for," Prime Minister Golda Meir said in a message of condolence to Mrs. Pearson.

The death of the former Canadian prime minister touched off an outpouring of regret from Jewish communities in Canada and abroad. The cable sent to Mrs. Pearson by Israel's prime minister spoke of the Nobel Prize winner as "a practical idealist who strove for a better world and sought to forge international means that would help build it."

Among the many honors bestowed on Lester Pearson during his long and brilliant career was the Medallion of Valor awarded him by Israel in recognition of his efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East.

Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in a cable to his Canadian counterpart, Mitchell Sharp, said he "honored and respected Pearson not only as a statesman and servant of peace, but also as a friend endowed with human feeling and sensibility. All Israel mourns a man who helped our people in its decisive hour of opportunity and trial and stood by our side in every ordeal."

Sol Kanee, president of The Canadian Jewish Congress, voiced the condolences of the Canadian Jewish community. In expressing the sympathy of Congress to the bereaved family, the president said Pearson's lifetime of service must forever be a lesson for all men of goodwill throughout the world.

"The Canadian Jewish community recognized Mr. Pearson as one of the architects of the plan which resulted in the creation of the state of Israel," Kanee said. "It also has good cause to recall his sympathy for the pleas of the Jewish communities on behalf of war victims seeking asylum. Pearson's outstanding contributions will be a permanent tribute to the memory of a great Canadian and internationalist."

Philip Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said he well remembered attending a meeting in Central Technical School, Toronto, in 1948 at which Pearson announced the de jure recognition of Israel by Canada. Givens said it was a fateful coincidence that the former Prime Minister died in the same week as Harry S. Truman.

Both played a vital role in fashioning the birth of the state of Israel, he said.

"The Zionists of Canada mourn the passing of a great Canadian and dedicated public servant who was a concerned prophet of peace for all humanity," Givens declared.

Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban visits Mike Pearson in Ottawa while Pearson was prime minister. Pearson received numerous honors from Canadian Jewish bodies.

Spy ring disclosure may spark witch hunt

(JCNS) Israel's right wing appears dangerously set on a course which could lead to a vicious witch-hunt.

Those who do not share their maximalist views on the future of the occupied territories are being blamed for the creation of a climate in which six young Jews could be suspected members of an Arab sabotage and espionage ring.

The religious right represented by Poalei Agudat Israel and the secular right in the persons of Cahal's (Herut and Liberals) executive and Shmuel Tamir's Free Centre Party are pointing at Mapam and the minimalists in the Labour Party as the villains of the drama. That one of those arrested was born in a Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz is a peg on which the PAI daily newspaper, **Shearim,** hung the accusation that Jewish terrorism against the state is the direct outcome of Mapam's philosophy.

"In whose kibbutzim do leftist groups flourish?" asks the newspaper.

"Some of them serve Arab terrorism among the Jewish community and also support its propaganda and espionage in Europe. The Jewish public will look upon Mapam, as providing the background and basic reasons for the deterioration of Jewish youth", the newspaper said.

The Gahal alignment of Herut and the Liberal Party followed up with an executive statement blaming those who opposed Jewish settlement in the occupied territories as creating a climate in which Jews saw no harm in siding with Arab terrorism. This view is supported by the Free Centre leader Tamir, who said that by describing Jewish settlement in the territories as oppressive colonialism a certain part of the Labor leadership encourages Israel's own young people to fight against this so-called oppression.

So far the only warning voice has been that of the Histadrut's daily newspaper **Davar** which referring to "the new style of incitement" against Hashomer Hatzair said the movement "does not require testimonials to its contribution to the state's armed forces and its defence. There are not many movements which can boast of pioneer and idealistic youth as Hashomer Hatzair and hints of evil and folly directed against the movement should be discontinued"

It is not only the Jews who have been thrown into turmoil by the arrests. Archbishop Joseph Raya, head of the Greek Catholic community (who recently clashed with Mrs. Meir over her refusal to allow members of his community to return to their pre-state villages on the Israel-Lebanon border) expressed sorrow that so many suspects were from his flock.

"This is one of the most ugly and shocking discoveries opposed to the spirit of the Christian faith and every human value . . . I am happy the network was discovered in time", he said.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren

Yeshiva accused of using terror

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren charged that yeshiva heads were employing methods of "terror" to try to force their views on rabbis and dayanim (religious court judges) and declared that he would not tolerate such acts.

Rabbi Goren has come under severe attack from ultra-Orthodox religious circles here and abroad for the ruling by a nine-man rabbinical court last month that Hanoch and Miriam Langer were not bastards and were free to marry their fiances. Rabbi Goren said the text of the ruling and the names of the dayanim have not been released until now to protect them from harassment and possible physical violence.

Addressing the weekly meeting of the Engineers Club here, he said he would seek to solve all family and personal problems according to halacha (religious law) but would see to it that halachic problems are solved by rabbis and rabbinical courts, not by yeshiva heads. He said he would not allow "terror" to be used to prevent dayanim from making decisions according to their conscience.

(In New York it was reported that about 2500 Jews demonstrated in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn against Rabbi Goren's ruling in the Langer case and against the National Religious Party cabinet ministers for failing to effect an amendment to Israel's Law of Return stipulating that all conversions must be according to halacha - religious law. No incidents were reported.)

Israel accuses Jordan of lying over freedom of worship issue

UNITED NATIONS (JTA)-

Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah has accused Jordan of "falsehood and distortion" regarding freedom of worship and protection of holy sites, and stated that Jordan's record in those matters, during the 19 years' occupation of areas on the West Bank, including part of Jerusalem, is notorious."

In a letter to the United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Tekoah denounced a letter written to Waldheim by Jordan's Ambassador to the UN, referring to Israeli desecration of the Machpela cave in Hebron which is regarded as a holy site by Arabs.

The Israeli diplomat stated that the Jordanian letter "deliberately ignores the fact that the Hebron site is holy also to Judaism" because it contains the tombs of the Patriarchs of the Jewish people. Tekoah recalled that during the Jordanian occupation "Jews were deprived of this right as they were barred from all other Jewish holy sites" and that Jordanian authorities permitted the desecration of numerous sites holy to Judaism.

Tekoah also charged that it is "typical of the method of defamation adopted by Jordan" that the letter raised again, "by devious innuendo, the slanderous lie" concerning the fire in the El Aqsa Mosque, an act committed by a mentally disturbed non-Jew from Australia.

"In fact," Tekoah noted, "the mosque was saved by the joint efforts of Israeli and Arab firemen." He added that Israel will pursue its policy of ensuring freedom of access to and worship at holy sites under its administration, including the area of the Machpela cave

World pressure is help

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -

A foreign ministry official says the continuing pressure of world opinion can ease the plight of Jews in Iraq and Syria as it succeeded in rescuing the Jews of Egypt.

Shmuel Divon, director of the ministry's department on Soviet and Arab Jewry, said that the release of all Jews imprisoned in Egypt had been brought about by the pressure of world opinion "and other activities which cannot be revealed yet."

He noted that all Egyptian Jews have emigrated, except for a few hundred who remained behind voluntarily, "for personal reasons." He said the same results could be accomplished in Syria where eight Jews are imprisoned and in Iraq where the situation of Jews has recently taken a turn for the worse.

Divon said that reliable international sources report that thousands of Jews have left Iraq recently and only several hundred remain behind. But, he reported, eight Jews in Iraq were recently arrested and one Jew, Abraham Zayeg, was found dead in his home. The eight Jews incarcerated in Syria include Albert Elia, the president of the Lebanese Jewish community who was kidnapped by Syrian agents in Beirut last year.

Divon said there was reason to believe that Iraq is sensitive to public opinion and that the atrocities of the past will not be repeated.

Meir praises Thailand's refusal to yield when faced with Arab kidnapper's demands

JERUSALEM, (JTA)-

Israeli officials have reacted with great satisfaction to the freeing of six Israeli personnel by the four Arab terrorists who had seized the Israel Embassy in Bangkok and held the hostages captive for 19 hours.

The guerrillas said, in messages they tossed outside from the embassy, that they were members of the Black September gang which claimed "credit" for the murder of 11 Israeli atheletes at the Olympics last September and for the Lod Airport massacre last May.

The officials also hailed the Thailand authorities for their help in bringing about the release of the six hostages. Shortly after news came of their release, Foreign Minister Abba Eban told newsmen that at no time did the Israeli government consider making concessions to the terrorists, who had demanded that Israel free some three dozen Arab guerrillas held in Israeli prisons, on threat of killing the hostages if the demands were not met.

Prime Minister Golda Meir issued a statement expressing her government's gratitude for the behavior of Thai personnel in the incident. She said also that "it is worth pointing out that even during the last minutes, when the police had already announced that our people were on the way back from the airport of Bangkok, our ambassador refused to confirm this until he saw them with his own eyes."

The terrorists, who reportedly were talked out of carrying out their threat to kill the six hostages by the Egyptian ambassador refused to confirm this until Egyptian ambassador and Thai officials, gave up their weapons, released the hostages unharmed and flew off in a Thai Airways jet for Cairo. The six Israelis were driven the 18 miles to the airport in a bus after the terrorists boarded the plane. The Israelis were then taken back to the embassy.

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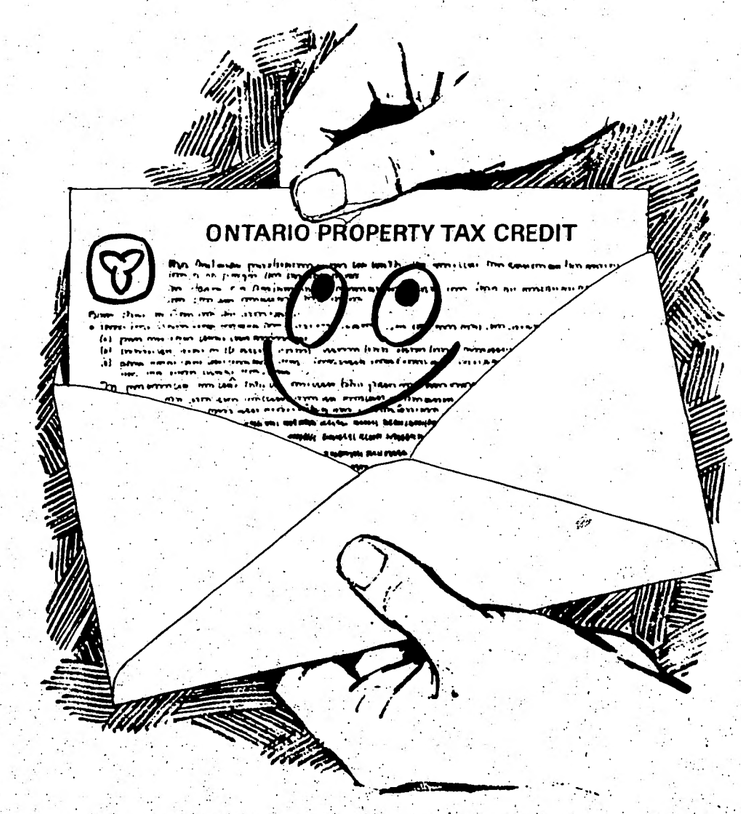

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UJA campaign leader urges youth to make a personal commitment

TORONTO -

More young people must be educated about the needs of the Jewish community to ensure that it remains strong, says Dr. Gerald Halbert.

Dr. Gerald Halbert

It is only by understanding the needs that they can become committed workers, he said. Even if they don't make a personal commitment to the Jewish cause, at least they understand why they are being canvassed for financial contributions.

Dr. Halbert is chairman of the Campaign Planning Committee, which serves as the "cabinet" of the 1973 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign. He wants to see more young people involved in the Young Leadership Development program. "The program will give young people an education - expose them to the community," he said.

"I would also like to see more young people go to Israel because then they will find themselves deeply invoved as Jews."

He called the Young Leadership program of the UJA's women's division "outstanding" and said it was setting a good example of what could be done by the rest of the community.

"We started re-activating the Young Leadership Development program this year and we hope to open it up so more young people will participate.

"We need more workers and young people are not taking up the slack left by the older people who have done their share.

"We have to educate them as Jews, not necessarily as religious Jews, but to know who they are so when they are approached to participate, either as workers or to give money, it should be a lot easier."

Toronto has an excellent Jewish community here, he said. It's buoyant and active but it needs people to carry out the required services.

"Most Jews refuse to think about poor Jews and there are plenty right here in Toronto who are living below the poverty line.

"Jewish people see the affluent society—the big money people—and they don't realize that in this community there are a lot of people barely eking out a living, if at all.

"These people need help, whether it's in Jewish education or getting a job, and we have to provide it, whether it's through the Hebrew Free Loan, the Jewish Family and Child Service or the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

"The only way we can provide it is by going out and canvassing to keep these agencies strong and in decent financial shape so they can give help."

Besides the needs of the local community, Jews here must understand that they have to keep Israel a strong country, he said.

"We have to let our government know what is going on with the Jews in Russia and we have to put pressure on the government to do something about it.

"If the doors are opened wide, there would be a tremendous flow of Jews to Israel which would have to absorb them. Israelis are willing to do it and the only way we can help is by sending money to pay the cost involved in language, and job re-training and housing.

"Jews are coming out of Russia all the time because Russians are sensitive to public opinion and it's important that we help them get out of Russia, get them to Israel and get them absorbed properly."

Dr. Halbert, who is a dentist, said a crash course is underway in Tel Aviv to retrain Russian dentists and raise their standards so they can practise in Israel. The program is expensive because of the inyestment in equipment.

Dr. Halbert and his wife—named Sandra but called Tootsie by everyone—plan to take their two daughters to Israel for several weeks when they are old enough to appreciate it. Ten-year-old Wendy and seven-year-old Michelle are both students at the United Synagogue Day School.

"Like everyone else who goes to Israel, they will have their identification spelled out for them. They will know a love of their country and their people."

U.S. leader to train female canvassers at eight sessions

TORONTO -

Mildred Grossman, prominent Detroit communal leader, will be in Toronto on Jan. 16-17-18 to train women's division canvassers for the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign. She will conduct a total of eight training sessions at the homes of various campaign leaders.

A member of the women's committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, she has made over 50 trips in the U.S. and Canada to train workers for fund raising and leadership.

Mildred Grossman

Mrs. Grossman's activities as a public speaker and fund raiser go back to her high school days when she was involved with young organizations raising money for the relief of refugees from Hitler's Germany.

At the University of Michigan, she was associate director of Hillel, working with concentration camp escapees; and she was the organizer of one of the first student UJA campagins.

She has been active in all phases of Jewish community life as well as in interfaith relations and was one of the organizers of a series of dialogues between Catholics and Jews and served as secretary of the Interfaith Action Council.

During the 1967 disorders in Detroit, she acted as liaision between members of the American Jewish Committee working in the ghettos and food suppliers outside.

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Jews in shock over spy network

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change? Why exchange it for allegiance to the most manic country in the Arab world - a pest to its friends as well as a menace to its neighbors. Not only Israel; Jordan and Lebanon come into the picture.

If the accused acted out of New Left ideology, then why sell out to Syria, the most volatile and unpredicatable of the Arab enemies of their country? Syria is not a New Left country. Its native variety of Ba'athism, a wild and mystical Arab nationalism, has been rejected by Egypt, Libya and all points west; let alone neighbouring Iraq, which has its own and rival brand of Ba'athism.

Both the Soviet Union and China have probing fingers deep in the Syrian pie. But their Marxist ideologies are in conflict. The Syrian government, whose artillery shelled Lake Tiberias and the northern kibbutzim of the finger of Galilee for nearly 20 years, still persecutes the remnant of 4,500 Jews in Damascus, Aleppo and Kamishleh.

If the four Israelis have been led astray by Herbert Marcuse or Danny Cohn-Bendit, they should have their heads examined. The New Left, which has collapsed in Europe and America, is not only out of date. It is positively old-fashioned.

And if Syria has become the spiritual homeland for the minimal minority of members of Matzpen (the "Compass" which points all ways save in the right direction), so be it. The hosts are welcome to their guests and vice-versa. I prefer, however, to see the law take its course without political witch-hunts against Mapaim or the Left-wing of the Israel Labour Party — always with an eye on next year's General Election. If Israel doesn't have juries, it has fair, honest and good judges. Let them judge.

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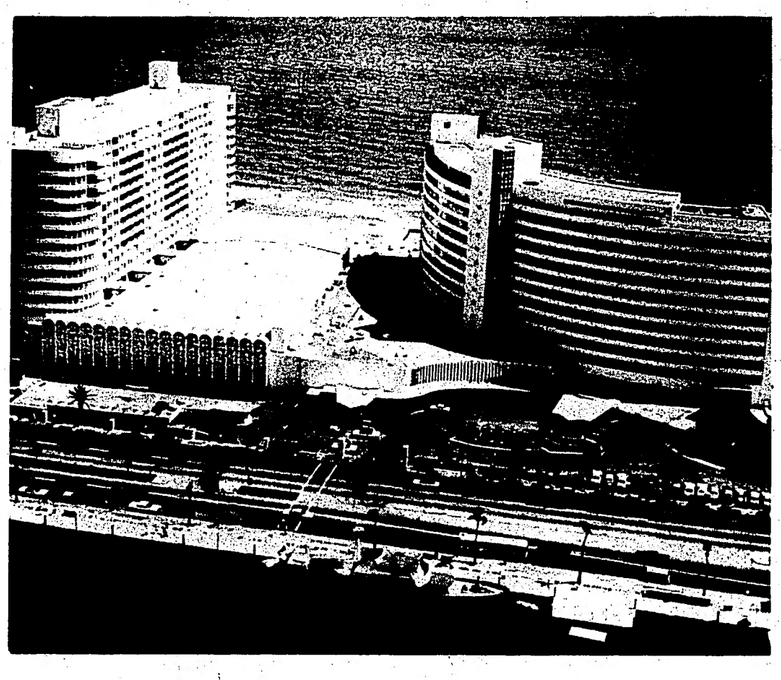

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Immature youths, they poison wellsprings of their idealism

The arrest of six young Israelis on the charge of spying for Syria, a country clearly dedicated to the destruction of the state of Israel, is both disturbing and puzzling.

First, it is best to realize that those arrested are still innocent until proven guilty. Israel's system of justice, like our own, does not persecute people for their beliefs, only for their actions. Israel's courts will still have to determine whether the six were actually engaged in treasonable activity.

Nevertheless, on all sides the question is being asked how young Israeli Jews could so completely reject their own people as to participate in an underground terror organization allegedly plotting acts of murder and sabotage in Israel.

It is not their sympathy for the Arabs which is hard to comprehend. There are many Israeli groups that have consistently expressed respect for the Arabs and their rights. They have been able to understand Arabs feelings and, like Dayan, comment that, had they been Palestinians, they, too, would have joined the Fatah.

There is, however, a vast difference between a young Israeli who insists on seeing the Arab as a human being with whom he can still hope to create a rapprochement and engage in conspiracies that would endanger the existence of Israel.

How does idealism become so distorted? How does sympathy for one's fellow human beings become corrupted into hatred for one's fellow Jews?

The capacity of people for self-deception and self-destruction seems infinite. **Ha'aretz**, one of Israel's leading newspapers, recently published an article describing a small groups of Israeli high-school and university students who have organized a movement called Nimrod ("We shall rebel".) to seek changes in the school curriculum.

According to the students in Nimrod, the country's educational system serves to brainwash the students and instill in them the foreign values of the Jewish culture of Eastern Europe. They claim that their education is doctrinaire and lacks proportion between Jewish studies and general literature and history. They feel their textbooks are riddled with ghetto notions inappropriate for a post-Diaspora generation.

They insist that Jewish persecution has been enshrined to the exclusion of the suffering of all other minorities.

As one of these students expressed himself, "Peretz, Bialik and Ahad Ha'am derive their world from the Jewish Eastern European culture and the late middle ages."

He complained that what is taught in schools regarding the history of Jews is exclusively based on the Ashkenazi experience and ignores the Sephardim.

"We are a generation born in Israel not in Eastern Europe," one of the students insisted. "The curriculum should deal with this country's history and geography. A high school graduate doesn't know a thing about his country's culture from pre-historic days to the present day."

"He can't tell the difference between a Tcherkesi and a Druze and doesn't know anything about the history or geography of the countries around us."

Another student objected to the teaching of the Bible as a holy book and forming the core of their conciousness as Jews.

He objected to the "Eastern European myth of the Chosen People and the persecuted race."

A student named Yigal also referred to anti-Semitism as a myth and added, "There were persecutions of Jews just as other minorities were persecuted. The hatred of minorities is universal and they should stop asking us to pity the Jewish people."

Finally, one student stated, "It's not only Jews who love the land of Israel. Enough of that kind of brainwashing. The concept of a Jewish people is just an invention of Zionist politicians."

The rejection of the meaning of Jewish history for the native-born Israeli, the refusal to accept a special kinship with other Jews and the denial of the reality of anti-Semitism is painfully brash and immature. It is doubly painful for those who have seen the failure of previous efforts to deny these phenomena.

Based on a desire to express a wider humanity, to stand with all of mankind, these young Caananites end by poisoning the wellsprings of their own idealism.

Members of Israel's Liberal Party met recently in Tel Aviv to discuss matters of internal policymaking. They concurred in deciding not to make an issue of the civil marriage question until matters within the rabbinate are more resolved. From the left are Knesset Speaker Yeshayahu, Party Leader Dr. Rosen and President Shazar. (IPPA)

Jump in organized crime serious Israeli problem

JERUSALEM -

Israel's newspapers, largely high-minded journals that devote themselves to major issues such as inflation, strikes, terrorism and taxes also contain news regarding swindles, rape and violence.

While some of the latter items indicate that Israel is rapidly catching up to the West others show that she has retained a special middle-east flavor.

Itim, a domestic news gathering agency is the chief source of supply for such stories. For example, a report from the Arab city of Nablus states: "A father of six killed himself over the weekend over unrequited love."

"The man Tolal Turki drank pesticide, allegedly when he discovered that the girl he loved had married another.

"He is survived by his wife and children, the youngest of whom is two years old."

Another story, datelined Acre, tells of the murder by stabbing of Ahmed Tawfik el-Haj, 18. A 25 year old suspect has been arrested.

Apparently, the two young men quarelled over the right of passage for their cars in the bazaar.

"The Acre police chief, Moshe Bartal and the Kadi Sheikh Muhammed Husbeishi visited the home of the el-Haj family and asked the relatives not to be dragged into a blood feud."

The gulf between rich and poor, between Ashkenazim and Sephardim, is a constant worry in Israel. Typically, the poor are increasingly reluctant to accept their fate and their rebellion is being expressed in acts of delinquency and gang warfare.

In Tel Aviv, teenage toughs from the older, poorer southern section of the city slashed the face of Ober Talit, a high school pupil, after failing to force their way into the vocational school's Chanuka play.

The act was apparently in revenge for Talit having led 300 students in throwing the intruders out.

"The school principal charged police negligence in the case which comes amid reports that hooligans are terrorizing other Tel Aviv schools.

"There are reports that students at Tel Aviv's Tichou Alef high school are also being bothered by delinquents who have been forcing pupils to lend them their motorbikes for joyrides.

"After police set a trap for the "borrowers" and arrested several of them, young toughs began breaking up the film nights held at the school."

The **Jerusalem Post** recently reported on the trial of Mordechai Shulman, 52, who is charged with raping a South African immigrant to Israel.

"On trial with Shulman was his friend Avraham Mizrahi, 24, charged with being one of four men who sexually abused the girl's male escort while Shulman was committing the alleged rape."

Shulman, according to the **Post** has a long record of convictions for violence committed while drunk.

Somehow, one doesn't expect such "kinky" behavior in Israel.

Finally, Tel Aviv, is showing all the symptoms of rapid urbanization. While Meyer Lansky may have been expelled from Israel, native organized crime has gotten a firm start.

"The prosecution in the trial of Yosef Laria, a reputed gangster . . . had to rest his case in the District Court because it could get no more witnesses to testify."

"The assistant district attorney said his last witness had refused to testify because his life and the lives of his family had been threatened."

The story, in reviewing the events leading to the trial, stated that one man had previously been condemned to life imprisonment for the murder of one of Laria's hoods. The victim was killed because he failed to hand over gambling returns to his boss.

Bialik, the great Hebrew writer once exulted over the arrest of a Jewish bank robber in the days of the mandate, because it was a symptom of Jews becoming "like everyone else." It is hard to say whether Bialik, would still express joy over such happenings.

Father Nunez points the way with courageous UN address

Father Benjamin Nunez, the Costa Rican delegate to the United Nations, is a courageous and honest man, as witness his statements in the General Assembly recently. What the good father had to say about pressure exerted by the Arab bloc on their colleagues was blunt and to the point.

The Arab diplomats had threatened and pressured other delegates to join them in voting for anti-Israeli resolutions, according to Father Nunez. He called on his colleagues to ignore the Arab threats and to vote according to the dictates of their conscience.

Father Nunez's denunciation of Arab tactics brought a flood of recriminations from those he had attacked, but the Costa Rican delegate remained steadfast in his opinion that the Arabs were playing dirty pool in their efforts to whip up support for one-sided resolutions.

Father Nunez also aroused the Arab delegates when he told the special political committee that the three countries investigating alleged violation of human rights in Israeli-administered territories were-Somalia, Ceylon and Yugoslavia, which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel. He called them the pace-setters of those who consistently attacked Israel.

In the turgid-atmosphere of an organization suffering from moral bankruptcy, the voice of Father Nunez came as a refreshing breeze. He refused to be intimidated, to bow to the will of vindictive men who desire not peace in the Middle East but the destruction of Israel as a nation.

The United Nations has chosen to close its eyes to Arab terrorism, the murder of innocents, the aerial hijacking and other atrocities of Arab extremists. No wonder the world body has lost all credibility.

If there is to be a real and lasting peace between Israel and its neighbors, — the prospect is anything but bright — Arab extremism must be halted now before it pushes the Arab states into another disastrous adventure such as engulfed Nasser in the Six-Day War.

Father Nunez is not a world figure, nor a particularly important one. He represents a small country, one that has little leverage at the United Nations. But his voice was the voice of a just and honest man repelled by the devious maneouvres of hate-filled men who believe that any means justify their ends.

We in the Diaspora should heed the warning issued recently in the United States by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. It warns that the rhetoric of Arab leaders must be taken seriously since "the extremist Arab manifestos, often interspersed with anti-Jewish hatred reminiscent of Goebbels and Streicher, are accompanied by bloodshed and destruction." Not only do Arab extremists seek to destroy Israel; they want to destroy world Jewry which stands behind Israel, the league asserts.

An object lesson for all nations

The government of Thailand has shown the world how to deal with terrorists who threaten to kill innocent hostages unless their demands are met. The chief ministers of that state, supported by an Israeli Government that refused to bargain with blackmailers, succeeded in obtaining the release of six Israelis held captive in the embassy in Bangkok.

What happened in Bangkok was in stark contrast to the shameful capitulation of the West German authorities in the post-Munich affair. The Arab Black September terrorists who carried out the Munich slaughter were freed by the West Germans who panicked in response to threats that passengers in a hijacked plane would be killed unless the Munich murderers were released.

In Thailand it was a different story. The threats to murder the Israeli captives by blowing up the embassy unless a group of Palestinian guerillas were released, failed to send the Thai Government or the Israeli cabinet into a tailspin. And in the end the "fight to the death" terrorists who had talked so bravely of martyrdom, tamely surrendered their captives in return for safe conduct out of the country.

It is to be hoped the object lesson in this episode is not lost on other nations.

Act now, apply later Israeli way of life

By ROYSTON ALLEN
From Our Tel Aviv Bureau

TEL AVIV -

"Establishing facts" has long been a popular Palestine pastime.

The early Jewish settlers in pre-state days worked hard under cover of night to build a basic structure with a roof. Thus they "established the fact" of residence and the right to a certain sector of land under the Ottoman law prevalent in then Palestine.

Royston Allen

After the Six-Day War of 1967, the Israeli government used similar tactics in the occupied territories. A group of settlers (usually belonging to the Nahal, a military farming section of the army) would start a kibbutz or similar settlement beyond the old frontiers.

The existence of these settlements became good reasons for not handing back whole hunks of the "administered areas." These settlements were the main reason why former premier Dvid Ben Gurion changed his mind about returning former Arab land.

"We cannot give back areas occupied by Jews," B.G. remarked in an interview recently. A far cry from his sentiments a few years ago.

The reason for the change? Facts were established.

The trend also exists in civilian life — to the detriment of any form of democratic local government.

A person wishing to open a restaurant here is usually advised to go ahead and open — establish a fact and "then the local council will have to give you a license."

So, because the licensing laws in Israel are so obscure and no city hall employee will openly admit what they are — this is what a great many persons do.

The two main bus companies in Israel — Egged and Dan — follow suit. The government permits a fare rise of ten per cent and some fares promptly go up 15 per cent. A fact is established and that's that.

A contractor wants to build a 10-storey apartment block and he only has a license for seven. He builds the other three and argues about it later. Very rarely indeed he ordered to tear down the extra storeys. So they remain illegal eyesores, legalized by "establishing facts."

Even the burial societies get into the act. Jewish tradition in Israel states that corpses are to be buried in shrouds, a tradition and not a law. Yet the Chevra Kadisha — probably because coffins mean a little more work — refuse to allow bereaved families to use coffins. And who feels like arguing a few days after the death of a member of the family.

Ans so it goes on, the attitude of shoot first, ask questions after. Who suffers? Mr. Average Israeli. If he dares to question any "fact" he is told to "complain to head office", a nice way of saying "get lost."

ask the rabbi

Explanation of why plural Elohim is used

1. Why is the name for God, Elohim, in the plural?

RESPONSE:

Two things should first be noted. The name elohim is used in the Bible for the deities of polytheism as well as for God but then it is qualified by the word aherim-elohim aherim ("other gods"). When used of God the verb of which it is the subject is always in the singular, e.g. in the opening verse of Genesis: "In the beginning God (elohim) created (bara, sing.) the heavens and the earth." The most plausible explanation of the plural form is, therefore, that all the attributes and qualities ascribed by the polytheists to their different gods belong to God. All these are concentrated in God alone.

This is not too different from the traditional understanding of the name as meaning: "Lord of all powers" (baal hakochot kulam). It should also be noted that occasionally the singular form eloah is found in the Bible, e.g. in Deuteronomy 32, 15 and many times in the Book of Job.

2. What is the point of reciting "Be strong, and let us be strong" when completing a Book of the Torah?

RESPONSE:

The Talmud (Berachot 32b) remarks that the Torah is one of the four things for which "strength" is needed, i.e. constant vigor and self-encouragement in its pursuit. The verse quoted in support is: "Only be strong and very courageous to observe to do according to all the law" (Joshua 1,7). Consequently, the phrase is recited aloud whenever a book of the Torah is completed, to express our firm intention to continue to read and study.

The expression used is: "Be strong and let us strengthen one another" because the members of a congregation are expected to think not only of their own spiritual welfare but to encourage one another to be loyal to Judaism's teachings.

New water use discovered

JERUSALEM-

A more efficient method of using water in irrigated agriculture in the Middle East is the result of a recently-completed international five-year research project, involving scientists of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Heading the Israel team participating in the project is Prof. Daniel Hillel, Head of the Department of Soil and Water Science of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot. The research was sponsored by the Joint Division of Atomic Energy in Agriculture of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna and the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).

Commenting on this regional project, which brought scientists of several countries together - including Arab and Israeli agricultural experts - at regular, annual meetings abroad, Prof. Hillel said that the experiment was carried out simultaneously and almost identically in the various participating countries under nearly similar conditions.

The research was based upon the use of radiation techniques in studies of water use efficiency in irrigated agriculture. The principal scientists of the project met once a year in Vienna, site of the IAEA, to exchange information on the study in round-table discussions.

The research described testing a wet regime designed to promote plant growth by maintaining a high moisture content in the root zone continuously without allowing the plants to suffer thirst. This could be done by applying frequent irrigation in the exact amount needed to allow the crop to transpire at the rate demanded by the climate. They found that the response of the crop, the increase in yield, surpassed the increase in water use.

The scientists managed to nearly double the yields in comparison with the traditional recommended water application rate, from about 600 to more than 1000 kg. per dunam (1000 sq. meters) of grain, while adding less than 30% of water, which meant that most of the increase was net increase of yield. Water use efficiency - the yield per unit of water applied - increased significantly so that scientists have concluded that better water utilization can be achieved not by curtailing irrigation but by providing plants with all the water they need so as to maximize crop production.

Tolling of the bells is for all mankind

By J. B. SALSBERG

The face of the year 1972 acquired more than a few black blotches. But the darkest and most disfiguring of its acquisitions was caused by the hellish bombardment of Vietnam in the dying days of the year. It's enough to cause people to turn away in horror and shame.

Let's face it, there are no civilized wars. War is the antithesis of civilization. War is the soul-searing proof that mankind has not yet reached the plateau of civilization. At best conscious-stricken man makes apologetic efforts (and usually in peace time) to remove the worst practices of savagery from the conduct of war. But even while on this side of civilization there does exist a certain differentiation in man's estimations of wars. A menaced people, for instance, is justified in defending itself against a warring enemy that seeks to annihilate or enslave it. By the same token an enslaved people is justified in resorting to arms to regain its freedom and independence. But no such justifications can be found for the agony of Vietnam.

The Vietnam tragedy cannot even be likened to the slaughter that took place in Biafra. In that horrifying experience some people could argue that it was a civil war although big powers aided the central government and, I believe, that only little Israel rendered help to the Biafrans.

As for Vietnam the present visitation of destruction and killing is the latest stage of an endless struggle of the Vietnamese people for their independence. First it was a heroic epic struggle against the entrenched might of colonial France and now it is against the mightiest military power in the world, the U.S.A. This adds special pathos as well as revulsion to the frightful spectacle.

Of course I am aware that the Soviet Union and China supply arms and other war needs to North Vietnam. But so far no one has claimed that either Soviet or Chinese personnel has flown Hanoi's warplanes or that they were involved in actual combat. On the other hand it is universally recognized that the Saigon regime stays in power only as a result of the direct and massive engagement of U.S. air, sea and until very recently, also of land forces.

The question of what kind of Vietnam government would come to power in Saigon if the U.S. withdrew can in no way justify intervention for any power and can certainly not justify the present merciless bombing which the U.S. air force is carrying on over Hanoi and other areas of North Vietnam.

Humanity would be best served if all three super powers, the U.S., Russia and China, were to withdraw their entire military personnel; stop the supplying of all war hardware to both sides and let the two parts of Vietnam find a peaceful solution to their differences under the supervision of a truly neutral UN commission.

Instead we are witnessing the following ghastly spectacle. The mightiest economic and military power in the world - located at the other end of the world - is raining death and destruction on a tiny, underdeveloped nation to bring it to its knees and force it to accept terms dictated by that superpower. Russia and China, two other super powers - and both Communist - continue to supply military aid to their ideological friends in the North but, for their own power interests, refrain from doing more than diplomatically voicing their disapproval of the third power's destruction of their friend and ally... What cynicism!

The agony of the Vietnamese people is enough to disturb all but the most callous-hearted. As for me, I must confess to being haunted by yet another spectre. I fear that the gloomy bells we hear do not toll for Vietnam alone, but for all mankind - and especially for the small nation sector of mankind...

Far off Rome was so determined to bring its kind of "civilization" to "backward Judea" that it was prepared to beat the ancient Jews into pulp and to destroy their country. And this it did.

The pages of history since that time are filled with similar barbaric actions by big powers against little nations and all for cause of "religion", "civilization", "national interests" or social philosophies.

If modern man, with all the war horrors brought into the living rooms of the world, can be conditioned to accept the current brutalities in Vietnam, then what small nation will be free? If Hanoi is so vital to Washington then why should not another superpower turn another small country - closer to its border than is Hanoi from Washington - into another Vietnam holocaust?

Gloomy thoughts? This is a very gloomy season in the affairs of world society...

Baruch Gutman, a 26-year-old physicist, was a Soviet Jewish underground leader before emigrating to Israel seven months ago. In this picture he is shown placing flowers on a monument at Kovno commemorating the mass concentration camp murder there 30 years ago. Man from K.G.B. (arrow) stands in background with local militia man.

Demand for material things causes problems for kibbutzim

This is the second of a two-part article on the problems of Israel's collective communities.

By SOL I. LITTMAN
TEL AVIV -

Prosperity has also created new problems. As the kibbutz changed from a barely surviving agricultural settlement into a large, industrial complex with a surplus of goods and services, the taste for material things on the part of the members also increased.

"We are much more private as a family," said Shmuel, a second generation member of the kibbutz. "When I was a child, home was the children's quarters and the small room down the road where my parents slept. The toilet and the showers were in the middle of the settlement and that was where everyone gathered to gossip and argue. The family was not supposed to interfere with the collective life of the kibbutz. Sometimes my father and mother didn't even have the same days off from work.

"I remember," he continued, "the year when there was a big discussion on our kibbutz as to whether families should be permitted to have electric kettles in their rooms. It was feared that this would encourage families to be more private and would lead to entertaining at home instead of everyone joining together in the community hall.

"For several years private radios were discouraged for the same reason."

This year, the big issue can be stated as, "If your uncle in America sends you a television set, should you be permitted to install it in your own apartment or should it be placed in a community facility?"

As one passes the community laundry on Maabarot, one notices heaps of identical men's blue cotton undershorts. These sturdy products of a neighboring kibbutz factory are standard issue to all men and boys. Though most clothing still goes to the community laundry, many families look after their "best" clothing at home, spending some of their leisure time in washing, mending and ironing.

While Maabarot continues to purchase clothing and distribute it uniformly to the members, other kibbutzim have abolished the practice and substituted a clothing allowance. This permits families to buy clothes in the style and quantity they prefer.

"It used to be that all the women on the kibbutz wore the same green sweaters," Yonina related, "but now they dress much more individually."

Mordechai is one of the founding members of kibbutz Maabarot. A heavy, large-featured, white-haired man in his sixties, he looks as if he were carved out of native rock. Thirty-five years ago he joined the kibbutz when it had nothing to offer except exhausting work, poor food, minimal housing and the intense companionship of a similarly dedicated band of young men and women.

Mordechai has just returned from a five-month visit to South Africa and Europe. As the sales representative of the kibbutz, he travelled, not for personal pleasure, but to acquaint potential customers with the artificial milk product manufactured and packaged on Maabarot.

"Our product has to compete with major manufacturers such as Bordens and Cadbury," he explained.

"Now, my trip illustrates one of the really big problems we have on the kibbutz," he continued, slowly searching for the correct English words. "One of our principles is to maintain equality by rotating jobs. One week a man will work in the orchards, another week he will serve as secretary of the kibbutz and a third week he will supervise the fish pond.

"That was alright as long as we were in a fairly primitive state and the most expensive piece of equipment we owned was a tractor. Now we have harvesting machines which cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Are we going to let everyone have a turn and risk ruining our investment?"

"We want everyone to be equal but they aren't. They vary in ability, in training and experience. As our production grows we need specialists to keep us competitive. Over the years I have built personal relationships with most of our customers that would be hard for someone else to duplicate.

"Events," Mordechai sighed, "have pushed us in certain directions. We know what is happening. We think about it a great deal and we discuss it all the time. We are fighting to maintain our ideals. Our enemy is not materialism or bureaucracy but the facts that flow from a changing set of circumstances.

"How does one cope with progress? How does one deal with increasing division of labor and still maintain a collective of equals?"

Yaacov is a third generation kibbutznik who has just returned from a five-month assignment in the U.S. on behalf of his kibbutz movement. He worked as a youth leader at a Jewish centre and summer camp. A reserve officer in Israel's army, he was one of the parachutists who fought his way into East Jerusalem in 1967.

He jokes about the wounds he received and refers to them as "my presents."

At 26, Yaacov ("why don't you call me by my American name, Jackie.") has recently left the kibbutz which his mother's father helped to found. His grandfather was a minister in the first government formed by Ben Gurion in 1948.

Short and robust, Jackie is extremely outgoing. He enjoys meeting people, travelling and especially being in on events. He has decided to try for a career in journalism and will return to the U.S. to enroll at the Columbia School of Journalism.

"When I announced that I was leaving, the kibbutz secretary invited me to discuss the matter with him. I explained that I wanted a career that would allow me to express myself and would excite my interest. I didn't feel I could find it on the kibbutz.

"The secretary tried to persuade me to stay but in the end he agreed I would have to go."

Jackie has not ceased being an idealist. He plans to continue working for his kibbutz while in America. As a journalist he expects that he will be influenced by the collective life which inspired him to bravery in the past.

"How many of your generation are staying on the kibbutz?" Jackie was asked.

"Only about 50 per cent," he replied. "A few more girls than boys. The young men go to learn. They enroll at the Technion in Haifa to become engineers. Some will come back, but most won't.

"Do I feel guilty about leaving? No! No guilt. Sometimes I worry though. Israel won't be the same without the kibbutz."

2,600 Arabs in Israeli prisons enjoy a mainly liberal regime

By MOSHE RON
TEL AVIV -

Twelve different prisons today hold 2,600 Arabs who participated in acts of terrorism against the population of Israel.

The greatest number are in prison in Beersheba. They enjoy a liberal regime. Like Israeli soldiers, they receive a daily ration of 2,700 calories. They get medical care, given to them by Israeli doctors. Among these prisoners there are former students who receive books to enable them to continue their studies.

With the help of the Egyptian ministry for education and UNESCO, 182 of them have passed their matriculation examinations. After their release, they are able to continue their studies. Every prisoner has the opportunity of taking a warm bath, a luxury many of them have never before enjoyed.

In prison, they work together with Jewish prisoners. They sew sports clothes for Jewish children in the Negev, prepare boxes for "Tnuva" products, carry out plumbing work. In general, they are a disciplined group. Only 900 of them have families, who visit them in prison. The International Red Cross brings them packages with chocolates and other items.

Facilities have been established in the prisons for book-binding, sewing, plumbing, joining, etc. Some of the terrorists, who were arrested for mining Zahal vehicles, are now voluntarily preparing bags, portfolios and other articles for Israeli soldiers. There are also some problem Arab prisoners who are tough and cannot put up with the idea of being in Israeli prisons. They are isolated from the others in order to prevent them from instigating trouble and riots. They are mostly leaders of terrorist organizations and are assimilated with other prisoners when they promise to stop this campaign of hate.

The director of the prison in Beersheba, Michael Golan, told me that there are often difficult times with some prisoners, but after a period in prison, they overcome their psychological crisis and adapt themselves to prison life.

There have also been some attempts at escape. Some prisoners mix with visitors, who come to the prisons. Only in a few cases did they succeed with this trick, in most cases they were found out in time.

After a few escapes, security measures were increased and walls and windows were fortified. Prisoners who were sentenced to short prison terms and behaved well, have been released before their time. More than 300 released prisoners have learned a trade in prison and now work as plumbers, joiners, carpenters and in other trades and earn a good living.

The prisons are heavily guarded. In the evenings and during the nights, the prison area is strongly illuminated. It is not easy to escape and many who have tried, have been caught very quickly.

There is a lack of prison guards in Israel and the difficult and responsible work rests on the shoulders of a few men. Their salaries are low. Each Arab prisoner costs the Israeli government $1,000 per year. There was the case of a terrorist who after his release from prison expressed his wish to be converted to Judaism to atone for his past. The two terrorist girls, who were captured at Lod Airport after hijacking Sabena's airliner, expressed the wish to be converted to Judaism in order to marry Jews.

Make better use of space, reader urges The CJN

Dear Editor:

I am certain that The CJN can find some better use for the limited weekly newspaper space available than to use it foolishly reviewing a Christmas program. (Special CBC Program on Xmas; Dec. 15, 1972). The fact that Elie Weisel will appear on this program is no justification for The CJN's coverage and quite frankly, I feel that Weisel has no business being on the show in the first place!

Since The CJN's change in ownership, I have been continuously amazed and disappointed by the amount of space allotted to items that have no Jewish content whatsoever. Surely The Star, Sun and Globe can be depended upon to cover these stories competently and surely, The CJN can find enough interesting Jewish columns and columnists to fill its pages with worthwhile Jewish news items and features.

The CJN has a responsibility to provide us with a good newspaper—don't abdicate that responsibility!

David B. Woolf
Willowdale, Ont.

JDC adopts record budget for 1973 to provide aid for European, Israel Jews

NEW YORK (JTA)

A budget of $27.8 million was adopted for 1973 by the Joint Distribution Committee at its 58th annual meeting here. In presenting the budget, Edward Ginsberg, JDC chairman, said it was the highest in ten years.

Although JDC is not directly involved in the immigration of Russian Jews to Israel, it has had to increase its budget expenditures for related programs, Ginsberg said. Several hundred of the newcomers have already been referred to Malben, the JDC program in Israel, for various services.

As a result of the increased needs in Israel and in Eastern Europe, Ginsberg said, JDC has had to increase its expenditures for 1972 by $2.5 million over the $24 million it had budgeted at the beginning of the year.

"With still more tens of thousands of Jews on the move in 1973, with political unrest placing Jews in jeopardy in North Africa and South America, with inflation and economic reverses deepening the pockets of Jewish poverty in Europe and North Africa and with health and welfare needs growing in Israel, JDC has been hard put to keep the budget at its present level," Ginsberg said. He called for full support of the 1973 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, which provides the bulk of the funds for JDC's worldwide programs.

Samuel Haber

Over 400 Jewish community leaders from the U.S. and Canada re-elected Ginsberg, a Cleveland attorney, chairman for a second term. Jack D. Weiler of New York was re-elected chairman of the National Council and also vice-chairman of the JDC.

Reporting on JDC programs for 1972, Samuel L. Haber, executive vice-chairman, disclosed that 387,000 Jews in 25 countries "benefited from one or more of the rescue, relief and rehabiliation services supported by the JDC." For the first time, Haber said, JDC has been asked for financial assistance from the Jewish communities of Argentina and Chile.

In Argentina, which has a Jewish population of 500,000, political unrest and general economic deterioration have caused great distress among the Jews, Haber noted. To add to their woes, the loss of income from the community's financially troubled cooperatives threatened the continued existence of the Jewish community schools. JDC has provided financial aid to keep the schools open, he added.

In Chile, the Jewish community of 35,000 has been disturbed by the political situation and a serious loss of income from former contributors who have left the country. JDC has given assistance to two homes for the aged and a children's home which were endangered by lack of funds, Haber said.

Reporting on the needs for 1973, Louis D. Horwitz, director-general, said that about 390,000 Jews, mostly in the Middle East and Europe, would look to the JDC for one or more of its broad range of health, welfare and rehabilitation and educational assistance programs.

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

Michael Leider

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR FOR TEENS

More than 300 teenagers from 22 cities in Canada and the United States attended the annual Central East Canadian Seminar sponsored by the Youth Bureau of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of New York. The seminar, held at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Hamilton, was chaired by Rabbi Herbert Millen, executive director of the academy, and Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, director of education at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Toronto. The seminar staff of student advisors, rabbis, community leaders and university faculty was headed by Michael Leider, a Torontonian studying at Yeshiva University in New York. The program included Jewish studies, contemporary issues, leadership training, arts and crafts, songs and dances and sports.

CELEBRITY AUCTION

Would you like to become the owner of Golda Meir's gold pin or Princess Grace's doll or Jack Benny's tie or a book autographed by Prime Minister Trudeau? Well, you will have your chance at the celebrity auction being planned by the National Council of Jewish Women of Hamilton for Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Sheraton-Connaught Hotel at 8 p.m. Over 65 personal items belonging to the famous and the important will be auctioned (in a cabaret setting which includes refreshments) and you may even be lucky enough to win one of the door prizes - a week in the Grand Bahamas.

VISITING PROFESSOR

Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Visiting Professor program features Professor Morton Siegel of New York University on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 8:30 p.m. His topic - Jewish Studies at Universities: Pitfalls and Promises.

JOB PLACEMENT SUCCESS

Montreal's Golden Age Association's program of job-aid for the elderly has placed more than 800 senior citizens in non-industrial and part-time jobs since the program was inititated last February.

GREEK INFLUENCE ON JUDAISM

On Tuesday Jan. 9, Professor Joseph Shatzmiller, Department of History, Haifa University, and the University of Toronto, will be discussing The Influence of Greek Philosophy Upon Jewish Philosophy of the Middle Ages. The lecture, part of the Labor Zionist Alliance 1972-73 series, takes place at 8:30 p.m. at their Viewmount Ave. centre.

OLYMPICS AFTERMATH

Relatives of the Israeli athletes slain in Munich received a donation from an unexpected source. An organization in Luxembourg, called Friends of Israel, made a contribution of more than $40,000 - 90 per cent of which is earmarked for the Israeli families and the remaining 10 per cent goes to the widow of the German policeman killed in the melee.

HILLEL LECTURE

A Critique of Modernism Toward Religious Unity is the topic to be discussed by guest speaker Rabbi Irving Greenberg at the Hillel lecture series on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Greenberg, professor and chairman of the Jewish studies department of New York's City College, is a former Hillel director of Brandeis University.

WOMAN AT THE CENTRE

Tuesday, Jan. 9, is Human Relations day for Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood. That is the date of their all-day seminar **Woman at the Centre**. The program: ETV Channel 19 interviewer Joan McCormick Frankel speaks with Merle Shain, **Chatelaine** magazine writer-editor; Dr. Shelly Romalis, assistant professor of anthropology at York University; Dr. Elaine Givertz, sisterhood member and chairman of their Monday morning study-in-depth series. The time: 9:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. with lunch from 12 - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Rabbi Milton Furst, executive assistant to the president of Yeshiva University, will be guest speaker at a brunch sponsored by Congregation Shaar Hashomayim of Windsor. The brunch, an annual event to benefit the university's national scholarship program, takes place Sunday, Jan. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the synagogue, Giles Blvd. Windsor.

Woman elected CZF president

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL-

Shirley Rabinovitch, a longtime member of Hadassah and the organization's former Montreal president, was elected head of the Canadian Zionist Federation's eastern region at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue recently.

The election result indicates a growing thrust on the part of Hadassah to assert the organization's presence in Canadian Zionist life. Hadassah also acted as a powerful lobby when Phil Givens was elected CZF President in October.

The 14-member executive is composed of three Pioneer Women, two Francophone representatives, one revisionist, two Labour Zionist, one United Porte Zion, two ZOC and two CZF.

Shirley Rabinovitch

Mrs. Rabinovitch is constitutionally seated on the Canadian Zionist Federation's national executive committee as eastern region president.

The nomination slate, which was unanimously elected at the synagogue assembly, also demonstrates a shift in power at the regional level, from party constituencies to the umbrella Canadian Zionist Federation.

Mrs. Rabinovitch told **The Canadian Jewish News** that, for the first time, the 6,500-member region will have a Council of Presidents, composed of all the presidents of eastern region groups.

"The council will be a kind of rap session, and a forum for an exchange of ideas and problems," said Mrs. Rabinovitch, "by working in this fashion we can grow stronger."

A young Judean in her youth, Mrs. Rabinovitch said the eastern region will continue to form close relationships with the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Allied Jewish Community Services, and the region will continue to support and participate in the yearly Combined Jewish Appeal drive.

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Senior environment post is given to Toronto man

TORONTO-

Dr. Joseph Clodman of Toronto has been appointed director of the Meteorological Services Research Branch of the Atmospheric Environment Service, Environment Canada. His appointment was announced last week by J.R.H. Noble, assistant deputy minister of Atmospheric Environment Service.

As director, Dr. Clodman will be in charge of a large group of scientists involved with research in support of Canada's weather forecasting and observing systems.

Dr. Clodman received his early schooling in Toronto, graduating from the University of Toronto with a B.A. in 1941. After wartime service as an operational meteorologist with the RCAF, he joined the AES's Research and Training Division. In 1961, he was appointed supervisor of the Synoptic Meteorology Unit and in 1969, superintendent of the Forecast Research Section. He received his Ph. D. from New York University in 1961.

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Colleague **Lewis Levendel, CJN** assistant editor, is giving up his bachelorhood at long last! He has just informed us of his engagement to Lili Elagin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Elagin of Melbourne, Australia and Toronto. The 29 year-old journalist, originally from Ottawa, says that the wedding is planned for the late spring.

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Montrealer **Allan Bronfman,** whose 77th birthday and 50th wedding anniversary were celebrated at a testimonial dinner last month, has been elected president of Canada-Securities Ltd. (State of Israel Bonds, Canada). A lawyer he is director trustee and governor of numerous national, international, Jewish and non-sectarian humanitarian organizations and enterprises.

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Recently, **Rabbi Ernest Klein,** spiritual leader of Toronto's Beth Yitzchak Congregation and author of the **Comprehensive Etymological Dictionary of the English Language,** was honored by the Province of Ontario. At a small gathering of both Jews and non-Jews presided over by long-time friend **Max Goody,** he was presented with a citation in recognition of his scholarly achievement. According to the citation, which was presented by **Ontario Revenue Minister Allan Grossman** on behalf of Premier William Davis, Dr. Klein's knowledge of many languages has brought forth "a fresh appreciation of the beauty of the English language".

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A noteworthy example of ecumenical philanthropy is the gift that television actor **James Arness,** who is not Jewish, gave to a Jewish youth organization. Mr. Arness, the Matt Dillon of the **Gunsmoke** cowboy series, donated his 950-acre ranch in California to the neighboring Brandeis Camp Institute. The property, complete with houses, corrals and barns is said to be valued at about $2 million.

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As keynote speaker at a recent weekend seminar-workshop held in Monsey, N.Y., Toronto **Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet** of Congregation Anshei Kielce spoke for a marathon eight-hour session on the problem of missionaries and how to counter them. The seminar, titled **Jews for Judaism,** was sponsored by all major Jewish youth organizations and representatives from major universities and seminaries in the Metropolitan New York area.

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Congress National Vice-President **Sydney M. Harris** was elected to the newly-created post of chairman of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry at a meeting held in Toronto recently. **Nathan O. Hurwich,** of the Canadian Zionist Federation, was named vice-chairman. The committee co-ordinator, **Simcha R. Goldberg,** will be operating out of the Congress offices in Montreal for the present.

Martin Cohen

Martin Cohen, executive director of London's Jewish Community Council, Centre and UJA, for the past four years, leaves with his family early this month to take up residence in Greensboro, North Carolina, to assume his duties as the newly-appointed executive director of the North Carolina Triad Jewish Federation. The Federation encompasses the Jewish communities of Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem.

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One of the projects in the Hamilton Jewish community to attract a good deal of attention is the work that **Michael Silverman** has been doing with senior citizens and particularly with the sheltered workshop at the community centre. The young director of Hamilton's Jewish Social Services has just been asked by the city's Italian community to help them set up programs for the aged.

Hamilton UJA locale next year, Allon says

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON -

There will be no need for Hamilton to come to Toronto next year, Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon told the Hamilton delegation in a private interview during his recent Toronto visit, which launched the 1973 United Jewish Appeal.

Impressed with Hamilton's efforts, he said that next year's meeting will be held right here in the city.

Campaign chairman Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel congregation reported on the interview and plans for the 1973 campaign at a recent meeting of the Hamilton Jewish Federation.

The intensive campaign planned for January will kick off with a breakfast for all canvassers at Beth Jacob Synagogue on January 7, followed by a blitz canvass.

This year's goal is $500,000, United Jewish Welfare president William Morris said, with $300,000 to go to Israel and $200,000 to be used for local needs.

Rabbi Green's co-chairmen for the campaign are Sam Taylor and Morris Paikin.

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RABBI DR. BERNARD ROSENSWEIG is spiritual leader of Adath Yeshurin Congregation, Kew Gardens, New York. He is a Torontonian, and served as Rabbi of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue for several years before assuming his present pulpit.

Rabbi Rosensweig is a graduate of Yeshiva University and was ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He has recently written a major new text on 15th Century Jewish history: **The Age of Transition,** dedicated to the memory of the late Helen Frieberg.

MURRAY FRIEBERG is a noted Toronto industrialist. He has been President of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation for the past three years, and is now entering his fourth year of office. For many years, he has contributed his talents and leadership to the development of the Synagogue.

This is the second in a series of lectures being sponsored at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation by Mr. Frieberg, in memory of his late beloved wife Helen, who worked devotedly for the Synagogue and for all Jewish causes.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE LECTURE AND A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW WITHOUT CHARGE

Organizations and People

When Mary Chnoch rides her bicycle from the kibbutz to the children's home to deliver her son Yig'al, her face does not betray her extreme suffering. But she does suffer for her husband, Leib, from Riga who was arrested in June, 1970, and sentenced in December to 10 years in jail for supposedly taking part in the alleged attempt to hijack a plane in Leningrad.

Rabbi scores lack of faith in education

TORONTO-

The failure of Jewish education has its roots in the failure of faith in Jewish education. Rabbi Jack D. Spiro of New York told the 18th Annual Conference of the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) at the Park Plaza Hotel last week.

Scrapping his prepared text, the recently resigned national director of education for NATE, devoted his address to the late Abraham Heschel who died a few days earlier. Heschel, rabbi, educational philosopher and professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary, was a controversial figure in Jewish education.

"He believed Judaism should be taught as an answer to ultimate problems of the students who sit in front of us," Rabbi Spiro said. "A grave transgression committed by many educators is that they make Judaism less vital and important than it really is."

"To Heschel, religion was the profoundest form of sensitivity training... a therapy for callousness," Spiro stated. "To him the task of the Jewish educator was to be a midwife to students, to help cultivate a sense of wonder about life and appreciation of the living moment. In general, educators had failed to instill a religious tradition, religious orientation and a perspective on events in the world."

Rabbi Spiro has resigned as national director to take up a post as head of a Reform congregation in the Southern United States.

In his keynote address to the conference, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, of Holy Blossom Temple, emphasized the need to return to a more traditional and meaningful Judaism, particularly for the young. "The traditional one-day-a-week school is all but dead, even though we do act as if it were still alive. It does not meet the needs of our time."

After the Six-Day War, Judaism in the Diaspora took on new directions, Dr. Plaut stated. "It was no longer sufficient merely to live for Israel's survival. And with that understanding we also began to feel that the peoplehood which we had re-acquired in the time of destruction no longer served as the sole foundation for the Reform enterprise."

Rabbi Plaut went on to quote from his newly published Shabbat Manual.

Congress to employ youth

From Our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

The Trudeau government's Opportunities For Youth scheme to employ youthful project innovators has "turned on" another federal organization - but in the Jewish community.

The Eastern Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, has initiated a project called 'Opportunities For Jewish Youth'. It was formulated with two objectives.

"First, the program is designed to encourage young people to become involved in different areas and concerns of the Jewish community," said Sol Bultz, Eastern Region youth director, "either in the form of a group project or on the individual level."

"Second, it will provide an impetus for self-initiative on the part of young people, and develop leadership qualities for the future generation of Congress leaders."

Although the Congress youth advisory committee has not yet given the OFJY venture a budget, students are invited to submit briefs for the January 15 deadline. No financial allotments, however will be given for salaries, and the maximum sum allowable for any project is $1,500.

Bultz said over 20 inquiries and 30 letters have been received in the first few days of the project's operation.

Examples of suggested topics from students have been the Holocaust, interfaith community relations, a study on the francophone community, and a study on Israel and the country's relationship to Diaspora Jewry.

"We hope OFJY will intensify Jewish youth in their understanding and feelings toward their community," he said, "since its based on the premises of social action within the Jewish community."

Like its federal counterpart, the OFJY was born amid a flurry of contention. Some leaders believed youth activity should be centralized under the domain of the welfare funds.

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Foreign export culture network is urged

By RICK KARDONNE

The major drawback of Israel's contemporary culture scene at the present time is simply that due to the small population (three million), the market is very small. No matter how well a play or movie might do in Israel, the chances of breaking even are slight. Every Israeli film is half-subsidized by the government, and even so, many creative people must moonlight in order to make ends meet. If Israel had as many bodies as Canada, it would be a filmmaker's—and, for that matter, a creative person's—paradise.

What is urgently needed—not only for Israel, but for the entire world Jewish population—is a systematic and efficient worldwide distribution network for Israeli films, plays, music and art.

The logical way to launch such a network would be to hold a festival of Israeli cinema and art in New York and Los Angeles, at which the presidents of major film distribution chains (a high percentage of whom are Jewish) would be present to view about 25 Israeli movies of all types—ranging from the comedy of **The Great Telephone Robbery** to the serious drama of **The Highway Queen.** I am sure that at least 60% of these movies would immediately attract the distributors as being sound commercial prospects for Hollywood-type exposure. I am also sure that everybody in North America—Jews, Gentiles, whites, blacks—would go see these Israeli films.

A similar exhibition of contemporary Israeli art should be held on a mass scale throughout North America and Europe. The logical base for such a distribution would be the Jewish Museum in New York, but major commercial art galleries whose owners are Jewish (they are to be found in every major Western city) could also exhibit Israeli artists, be they individual or group shows. Similarly, contemporary Israeli music, both popular and serious, must be played constantly over "Jewish Hours" in large Diaspora cities (CHIN's Shalom is fairly adequate, although they are a little behind in what is going on today in Israel) and Israeli records be made available for those who wish to buy them.

The Israeli government cultural exchange department must be much more efficient and capable of exposing Israeli culture overseas. Ben Gurion's statement: "It takes 20 years to build a dam—19 years for 10 committees to decide whether or not to build it and one year to put it up" has in the past too often accurately described the approach of Israeli officialdom towards the promotion and foreign export of Israeli culture.

A direct, straightforward and individualistic approach is sorely needed. Too often in the past, American Jewish audiences have received Israeli performers who are past their prime and who appear in an expensive nightclub setting which turns off youth. I hope that in the future, visiting Israeli performers will be those who are popular among the young Israelis now and who will appear in a more informal coffeehouse or college setting.

The present creative atmosphere in Israel, I feel, could very easily attract the cream of Diaspora Jewish talent in all fields. But a comprehensive foreign export network, to distribute Israeli movies, art, music, theatre, etc., similar to what currently exists in France, is needed in order to overcome the serious commercial handicaps that currently exist in Israel due to the small population. Such a network would also bring a large new supply of foreign-based revenue into Israel. I very much hope to see these proposals of mine seriously considered among both prominent Israeli and Diaspora Jewish circles.

Structure distorted, style disparate in John Herbert's newest play

By FRANK MICHAEL

John Herbert's attitude towards Toronto critics is a provocative mixture of resentment, distrust, and disdain.

Ironically, the late Nathan Cohen, figured prominently in the success of Herbert's best known play, **Fortune and Men's Eyes**, and it is to Cohen that Herbert dedicates his latest full-length play, **Born of Medusa's Blood.**

Did Herbert's friendship for Cohen override his dislike of critics? Not really; relations between the two were frequently strained. The simple fact of the matter is that Herbert, founder of the now defunct Garret Theatre and foster-father of Factory Theatre Lab, is essentially a "workshop" playwright. Cohen was perceptive enough to recognize this fact and told Herbert so.

Born of Medusa's Blood, currently playing the Theatre-in-Camera at 736 Bathurst St., demonstrates the importance of both workshop production and constant revision to the crafting of a Herbert play.

In its present form, Medusa invokes Greek mythology, grand opera, Afro-American aspirations, and Queen St. locale. It's structure is disjointed; it's style disparate.

Clio, a statuesque black streetwalker with a cultured past, Polly, her young black protege, and Percy, an opportunistic pimp, are are loosely patterned after Medusa, Polydectes, and Perseus of Greek legend. From this source Herbert fashions the exotic fascination of Clio; her conquest and betrayal by Percy; Polly's naive protectiveness towards him; and, finally, his deception of Polly and her unwitting collaboration in Clio's demise. All of which serves as a lesson in male perfidy and the value of female friendship and solidarity.

But Herbert, in his duality of purpose, further burdens both Clio and Polly. The prostitution of the arts, the moral bankruptcy of an oppressive society, and the brutalization of the blacks all figure in the symbols Herbert employs.

Herbert's obvious goal is the successful integration of classical symbolism, and contemporary setting. His task is hindered by timid direction; a largely inexperienced cast; the limitations of a single, photographically-naturalistic set; a surfeit of jejune chatter; and the artificiality of recorded arias used to herald Clio's entrances and exits.

In all probability, Medusa, like Fortune before it, will be born again Off-Broadway. Given ruthless revision, happy collaboration, and fidelity to the work's major impulse, the work may emerge into a full-fledged, English-language opera: powerful, moving and modern.

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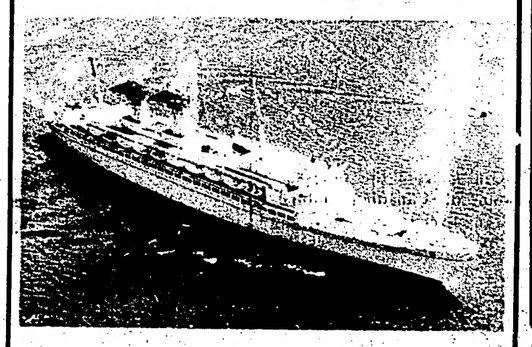

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Massive exhibition at shopping plaza will mark Israel's 25th birthday

"Shalom--Israel at Yorkdale" committee co-chairman Mrs. Sydney Wise stands with some of the exhibits to be displayed at the shopping centre during the 10-day exhibition of Israeli trade goods. (Photo by Brian Willer)

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO-

Should a visiting Israeli stroll into Yorkdale Shopping Centre next March, chances are he'll feel like he never left home.

From March 22 through the 31st, the 110-store enclosed mall will be the scene of **Shalom--Israel at Yorkdale**, an exhibition which will feature Israeli produce and works of art in dozens of displays.

According to Mrs. Sydney Wise, who along with Stephen Berger is chairing the event, **Shalom -- Israel at Yorkdale** will serve as the "launching pad" for this city's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Mrs. Wise said the exhibition will include the largest collection of Israeli coins and stamps ever displayed as well as food, wine, clothing, glass products and specialty items from Israel.

"What we're doing," said Mrs. Wise, "is engaging in a co-operative effort to help Israel by promoting the sale of Israeli goods. We want everyone to see the best things Israel produces."

She said the organizers, who are representatives from every major Jewish organization, hope to make it clear to the public through the exhibition that "a lot of the merchandise is available in shops here.

Mrs. Wise said that in addition to the trade displays, models will show the latest Israeli fashions several times daily, Israeli singers and dancers will perform and a diamond cutter will be flown in to demonstrate his role in one of Israel's largest industries.

Frank Dimant, executive director of the Canadian Zionist Federation, a sponsoring organization of the project, said the staff of Yorkdale estimate from previous studies that 650,000 people will pass through the mall during the 10 days of the exhibit, making it the best-attended Jewish exhibition since the Israeli pavilion at Expo in 1967.

Despite the size of the exhibit, Mrs. Wise said the organizers are confident that everything from setting up the displays to decoration of the store windows "with something a propos" can be accomplished, "in one night after the stores close."

How establishment thought 80 years ago

TORONTO-

Saturday Night is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Although today it is struggling for survival as an authentic Canadian journal, for most of its history it was the darling of upper-middle class English Canadians with a literary bent.

The anniversary issue, currently on the newsstands, offers a self-conscious, embarrassed review of the magazine's early editorial policies. Although they are far removed from the thinking of the present editors, the ideas expressed in the early days of **Saturday Night** provide insight into the thinking of Canada's establishment at that time. These ideas may have subsequently dissipated, but in all likelihood, they have never disappeared and remain part of the warp and wool of Canadian culture.

An excerpt from the editorial review follows:

"Certainly there's nothing to suggest that anyone who regularly read **Saturday Night** was greatly troubled by the magazine's anti-French Canadian, anti-Jewish, anti-Oriental, anti-black sentiments. That, apparently, was how upper-middle-class English Canadians viewed things."

There's a patronizing drawing, titled "A Coon Christmas," of some blacks at Christmas, and there's another of a black, dressed in an ill-fitting tuxedo, asking, "Who says I'm a niggar?" There's an 1891 cartoon in which the United States is a Jewish merchant trying to persuade an innocent Johnny Canuck to buy a suit labelled "Unrestricted Reciprocity". There are editorials which complain that Canada's population is lamentably small; at the same time the magazine argues that Canada doesn't want black, Jewish and Oriental immigrants because this is "a white man's country" — i.e., WASP. The following excerpt from an 1892 editorial opposing Chinese immigration is typical of **Saturday Night**'s attitude toward non-WASP immigrants, not only during this period but right through the 1920s an into the 1930s.

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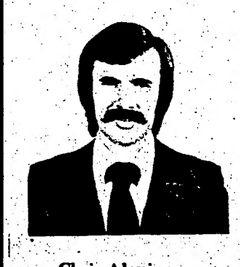
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In a scene from Lies My Father Never Told Me, Israeli actor Yossi Yadin, the grandfather (left), listens to a family argument half-heartedly while Anny, the mother, played by Marilyn Lightstone and Harry, the father (Len Birman), do the talking, and six-year-old David, played by Jefferey Lynas, eats his jam and bread.

Jewish tale is filmed

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

More than two years ago Harry Gulkin left a profitable executive position with a well-known Montreal firm to produce his first feature length film.

The film industry at the time was raw and unyielding, and despite suggestions from colleagues that the scheme was "unrealistic", Harry Gulkin had the temerity to challenge that assertion.

Two years later, after numerous setbacks and a grinding road of progress, the Jewish tale called **Lies My Father Never Told Me** is nearing completion.

"I felt what was absent in Canadian films," said Gulkin, "was a professionally packaged project and screenplay. There was a great deal of self-indulgence on the part of the industry, with one person attempting to produce, direct, and edit the entire film."

Gulkin said he wanted to make a film that didn't exploit the fads of violence or sex, but a film that could be a meaningful experience for an audience while providing a return for the investor.

Written by well-known Canadian author Ted Allen, directed by award - winning Jan Kadar, and co-produced by Anthony **Oh What a Lovely War**) Bedrich, **Lies My Father Never Told Me** recreates the 1920's era of early Jewish migration to Canada.

It is a story of a six-year-old boy David, his zedah, the grandfather's horse Federeh, and the comic-tragic ambitions of the boy's father to become a rich man.

"Each Sunday David plays a wonderful game with his grandfather called 'Rags, Clothes, and Bottles'. Next to his grandfather, David loves the horse the best, and then his mother, when she buys him candy. The grandfather is not Orthodox and has his own vision and interpretation of life and the bible."

Complications set in because David's father resents the grandfather's influence on his son, and neighbors who complain about the stink of the stable near the home.

"The problems which delayed the film were financial" said Gulkin. "By the fall of 1970 the project had a $200,000 backing from the Canadian Film Development Corporation, private investment and a guarantee from a major distributor to pick up the negative costs of the film."

But the $750,000 budgeted film - one of the largest in Canadian film history — required advances from a banking institution. Since the Canadian track record in film was dismal, no bank would lend their security.

The project options expired and Gulkin faced the prossibility of losing his venture until the Toronto-based Pentacle VIII Productions Ltd., backed by Southam Press, stepped in.

With additional backing from Famous Players Ltd., Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Bellevue-Pathé Laboratories, and Cinevision the film will be ready for distribution by late spring.

Lebanon censors

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during the news conference that he was not "pro-Zionist," said "several influential Arabs, including some of our interview guests, kept saying that the West would not listen to the Arab point of view... that the Western media were controlled by Zionists."

"But it was the Arabs themselves in this case who are the fustrating factor... I for one, happen to believe there are two sides to the Middle East problem. I've tried to show both sides but the Lebanese have not made it very easy... If they want to get their point across, they're doing it very poorly."

Berton said that he had taken precautions of making sound tapes of all his interviews and that he would make use of them as well as the stills and reportage to give the gist of the censored remarks in one program. He also made a film while in Lebanon and this will be shown, together with the other interviews released by the censor.

The department of external affairs gave indications that Lebanon was worried about provocative statements about Israel--that they didn't want to do anything to provoke Israel into action, said Berton.

Wreck offices

(From our Quebec Bureau)
MONTREAL -

Vandals struck the offices and recreational rooms of the left-wing Zionist organization Hashomer Hatzair last week causing more than $450 in damage and destroying parts of walls and ceilings.

The intruders broke a window leading into the finished basement rooms and ripped off ceiling insulation tiles and kicked gaping holes in the plaster walls.

They made their way to the organization's main floor and damaged the bathroom and the library. Books and periodicals were ripped and scattered.

The most extensive damage was caused to the organization's duplicating machine, telephone, and thermostat, which were smashed.

No anti-Semitic scrawlings were left on the premises, prompting Shaliach Gady Gillai, 33, to believe that the damage was caused by persons involved in the Jewish community.

Gillai believes the vandalism in Montreal is linked to the recent uncovering of a spy ring operating in Israel where some members were Jewish.

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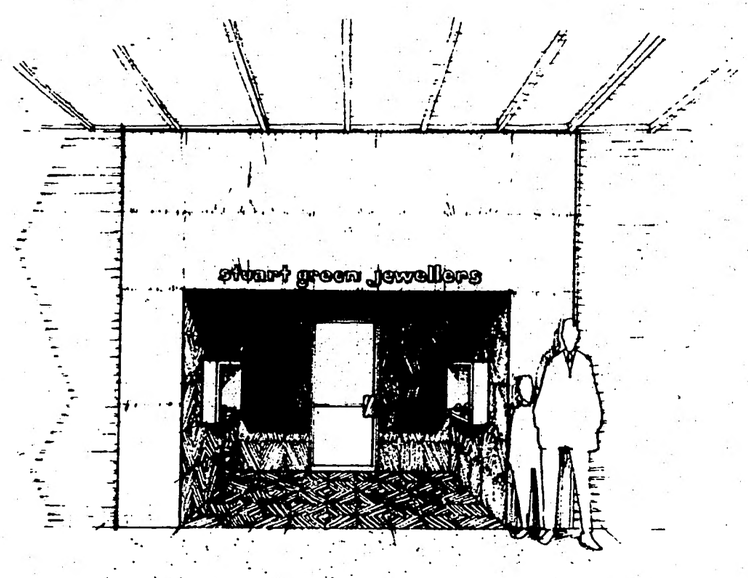

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Jewish youth launch petition around the world against Israel

NEW YORK, (JTA) - A group of college-age Jews asserting that they are "deeply committed to the welfare of Israel and the advent of peace in the Middle East" has launched an international petition campaign to protest "the Israeli government's policy of civilian settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

The name of the group is "Yaish Breira" ("There is an alternative") and its headquarters is at the University of California in Berkeley. Ian Lustick, spokesman for the group, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the petition campaign" is a grassroots attempt to develop a consciousness-raising effort with respect to the entire Palestinian national question, the policies of de facto annexation that are seemingly being pursued, and the dangers involved with regard to the future health and harmony of Israel."

Calling Israel's policy in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip "Myopic," Lustick said the campaign is also an effort to alert Diaspora Jewry to the possible tragic consequences this policy may have.

"By allowing Jewish civilians to settle in these areas, the Israeli government is locking the Jewish State into a political dungeon from which there will be, in five to ten years time, no escape," he said.

As evidence for the views of "Yaish Breira," Lustick cited "facts" such as the construction of the 250 Jewish housing units in Hebron; civilian settlements in the Etzion bloc, along the Jordan Valley, in the Raffah section of the Gaza Strip and near the city of Gaza.

The petition being circulated notes that "civilian settlements in these areas prejudices the chance for peace and ignores the national rights of the Palestinian people," and calls upon the Israel government to "pursue a policy which will encourage the emergence of a non-belligerent Palestinian State on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

Lustick, a member of the editorial collective of the Berkeley Radical Jewish Union which publishes a quarterly, **The Jewish Radical,** said the petition campaign in some 50 countries will continue until the spring. At that time the signatures collected will be given to Israeli consul generals in the various cities and copies will be sent to the Knesset.

He said that the drive has already received a good response in this country and "already bears the names of leaders of more than a score of North American Jewish-Zionist groups."

He also stressed that "it is important to note that the petition does not call for the establishment by Israel of a Palestinian State now or in the future. Rather the suggestion is that a policy be pursued which will encourage rather than preclude such a settlement."

Student praises ORT school

From Our Quebec Bureau
MONTREAL - Haim Cohen, a 20-year old Israeli student attending the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training school in Tel Aviv, visited Canada on a four week tour recently.

Brazil-born Cohen immigrated to Israel 10 years ago. Later, his parents joined him and they moved to one of the largest kibbutzim in Israel.

Although coming to Israel was a life-long dream for Haim's parents, the factor which finally compelled them to emigrate was Haim's education.

"We weren't able to attend a Jewish school," said Haim, "so we went to a Catholic elementary school because the education was better. No one insulted us, but being Jewish we just didn't fit in."

After completing his initial studies at the school on the kibbutz, Haim left for Tel Aviv to study at ORT's Syngolowfsky School — an institution which trains mechanical technicians.

"I was very glad to receive an ORT scholarship, because I really wanted to study engineering, and the only thing they offered at the kibbutz was agro-mechanics."

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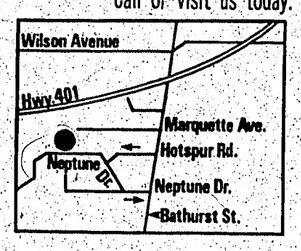

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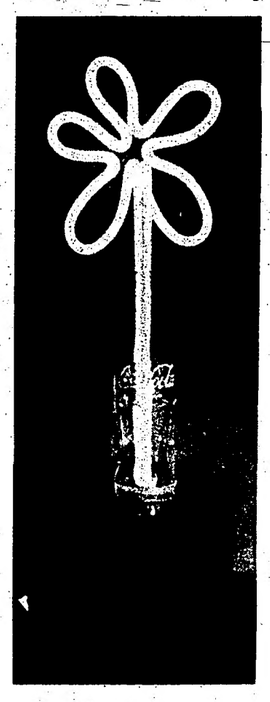
Art

Toilet bowl nightmare has origin in sculpture's infancy

By MAX MANN

Jack Markle suffers from a recurrent nightmare of drowning in a toilet bowl.

Jack, who with his brother Sam, operates the **Electric Gallery**, Toronto's major showcase for art utlizing neon tubes, fluorescents, incandescent lamps, transistors, capacitators and transformers, is himself a serious kinetic sculptor.



Sam Markle's neon flowers

In one of Markle's recent works, two neon hands emerge from a gleaming white toilet bowl, one desperately gripping the seat while the other is raised in a drowner's last gesture.

"My brother Sam and I came from a very poor Winnipeg family," Jack relates. "My mother was divorced when we were still very young. She was very devoted to us but she had to work to support us and she was very impatient with us when we dawdled and made her late for work."

"I guess I always suspected her of trying to flush me down the toilet so I wouldn't delay her," he adds lightheartedly with the skilful timing of a frequently recounted family story.

"When she found she couldn't manage, she put Sam and me into an orphanage."

Although some of Jack's stories are really clever bits of self-publicity there is nevertheless a deep scatalogical thrust in Jack's work that probably betrays the psychological effects of premature toilet training.

For example, Jack is pleased that a series of neon sculptures he has labeled "Portnoys" (a penis outline, flanked by two gleaming red lightbulbs) is selling well. He has also done a giant Mona Lisa with two huge lightbulbs, one gold and one silver, for breasts.

"Sam and I always painted. We did the traditional things, then we became abstract and eventually reached pop.

"We had our first show at Gallerie Pascal in 1964. The whole show was based on the letter "A". We chose "A" because of its priority in the alphabet, because of its design and shape and also because it stood for "Apex" which was the name of our sign painting business."

Although Jack constantly refers to "Sam and I," he explains that their art is entirely separate. Although they are partners in their various businesses and in the Electric Gallery, each is dedicated to his own artistic vision. However, there is a shared enthusiasm for neon as a vital contemporary medium and a common excitement for mocking ideas.

"The big turning point was the Carling Autumn Festival," Jack recalls. "This was the first time we used neon. A piece I submitted was awarded first prize for sculpture."

"This really inspired us. We just couldn't rest. We tried all the galleries in Toronto but none of them wanted neon sculpture. Eatons finally gave us a show but it was too sophisticated for their clientele.

"We said to hell with them all and opened our own gallery as a showplace for our own work but also as a means of presenting some of the finest kinetic artists of our time from the United States and Canada.

"Sam's neon flowers growing out of a coke bottle have sold extremely well. Gale Garnett, the gal who writes the column for **The Star**, came in and bought both one of my Portnoys and one of Sam's flowers to avoid sibling rivalry."

The Markles and their gallery represent an interesting linking of craft and art. At some point, sign painting became caligraphy and the ugliness of commercial neon signs was transformed into a fresher, subtler, more imaginative art form. Aesthetic considerations aside, the Electric Gallery is an exciting place. It contains works that spark, shine, whirr and whine. Others pulse, jiggle, twist and coil. There are luminous colors, pure white light and the incandescence of ultra-violet. Children love the gallery, adults are intrigued and serious artists are increasingly tempted to experiment with the materials provided by a new technology.

Jack Markle uses neon to express recurrent nightmare of drowning in toilet.

Surprisingly, Israel has similarities with Japan

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

THE JAPANESE AND THE JEWS
by Isaiah Ben-Dasan; McClelland and Stewart

This unusual analysis of two remarkable peoples has sold more than one million copies in its original Japanese version. The identity of the author remains unknown. He claims to be a Jew, a descendent of Marranos, born and reared in Japan, but now living away from the country. In any case, he combines an intimate knowledge of the Japanese with a rare understanding and respect for Jews.

In a charming and discursive manner he compares the Japanese and Jewish attitudes toward such diverse matters as animals, food, spiritual freedom, security and man's relation to the world of nature. He draws freely upon his personal experiences, but also makes use of such traditional materials as the Bible, Talmud, and Japanese social and legal documents.

Japanese tourism to Israel has been growing by 20 per cent annually; more than 3,000 Japanese visited the country in 1971. In recent years "Israel Fashion Weeks" have been held at major Tokyo department stores, exhibitions of modern Israeli art and posters have been arranged under the auspices of a prominent Japanese newspaper and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra has played to thunderous ovations.

A course in Japanese is being offered at the Hebrew University, while classes in Hebrew for Japanese are arranged by the Israeli embassy in Tokyo.

The kibbutz movement has attracted much interest; an association supports 22 Japanese communal farms and sponsors young people who spend a year working on Israeli kibbutzim at their own expense.

Knowledgeable Japanese view Israel as a kind of sociological laboratory that may provide answers for some of Japan's social ills that have accompanied rapid industrial development. In addition, Israel is viewed as a source of spiritual revitalization to fill the religious vacuum of the postwar generation. One Israeli diplomat compared the two countries as follows: "Though Japan and Israel are situated at opposite ends of Asia, both have faced, and still face in common, the task of synthesizing anew the values of the twentieth century."

In 1970 there were approximately 800 Jews in Japan, exclusive of servicemen and their families at the various American bases throughout the country. Rabbi Marvin Tokayer, the spiritual leader of the Tokyo Jewish community since September 1968, is an American Conservative rabbi who once served in Japan as an army chaplain.

The rumors of mass conversions of Japanese to Judaism are false. Conversions have been rare and are usually a result of mixed marriage.

Questions abound: Are the Japanese so devoted to their own country and its traditions that they are incapable of understanding the outside world? Are Jews so crippled by centuries of persecution that they have become unassimilable? The author provides no final answers but his original comments on these and a host of other aspects of history, religion and folklore are a distillation of close observation and serious thought. Israel, the most Eastern of the Western nations, and Japan, the most Western of the Eastern nations have more in common than is generally understood or imagined.

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